

Child Care and Development Fund
FACT SHEET
May, 2006
Montana

Caseload

- 5,491 children were served this month in this program
- 3,261 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- 8.4% of the families entered the program during this period
- Yellowstone County accounted for 24.1% of all families served

Children

- 88.6% of children were served in licensed care
- 8.3% of children were cared for by relatives
- Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 127 hours per month
- School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 27.7% of all children served
- White children accounted for 81.8% of all children served

Families

- 84.3% of families received subsidies because of employment
- 100.0% of families had copayments, at an average of 3.7% of income
- The average number of children served per family was 1.7
- 87.3% of families were headed by a single parent
- 16.4% of families listed TANF as a source of income

Expenditures

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$323 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- Parents paid 10.2% of the cost and the program paid 89.8%
- Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$364
- Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$228
- 80.4% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

Counties

- The highest average cost of care was in Daniels County at \$445 per child
- Madison County ranks first in relative care statewide with 100.0% of all children cared for by relatives.
- The county with the greatest percent of TANF recipients in the caseload was Broadwater County, where 83.3% of families receiving child care subsidies also received income from TANF